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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	McNabney, Roy F.
Title	Roy F. McNabney collection
Date	1939-1973
Extent	2.0 Cubic feet 6 manuscript boxes
Language	English

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Historical Note

On April 13, 1972, the *Times Democrat* in Davenport, Iowa, published an article entitled "Davenport's Living History Book" by Jim Arpy. The article tells about Roy F. McNabney, 93 years old in 1972, who was the historian for the Davenport Public Museum. He spent his boyhood in Hampton, Illinois, and was living in Moline in 1884. In 1915, Roy became chief of the records department at Palmer School. Mr. McNabney married Marie Heinz in 1904. She died in 1948. He collected information on the mail and stage routes from 1672, because he planned to write a history of the U.S. postal service. This massive project occupied him for 35 years. Roy said: "It's a hobby that fascinated me. I have close to 1,000 pages now, all ready to be edited... I've worked like a slave on it, tracing the postal service through Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, the British, the stage coach routes, a mountain of information and countless hours of research."

Scope and Contents

These six boxes contain the collection of notes, correspondence, and documents which Roy F. McNabney gathered. Mr. McNabney intended to publish a book on the history of the United States Postal Service.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Postal service--Research--United States

Series 1: Research papers, 1941-1973

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Research papers, 1941-1973		
Subseries 1.1: U.S. Postal Service history, circa 1920-1970s		
	Box	Folder
Roy F. McNabney article, 1972	1	1
Correspondence 1941-1973	1	2
Davenport, Iowa, circa 1941-1956	1	3
Miscellaneous notes, 1958-1959	1	4
Canada mail and stage routes, 1958-1959	1	5
History of U.S. Postal Service, circa 1920-1950s	1	6
Iowa, Michigan, and Ohio maps, undated	1	7
National Road letters, 1956	1	8
National Road letters, 1957	1	9

Subseries 1.2: Cities and states history, 1950-1963

National Road letters, 1958	1	10
National Road documents, 1959-1960	1	11
Photographs, 1834-1873	1	12
U.S. Mail Service, Pony Express and Butterfield documents, circa 1920-1970s	1	13
U.S. Railway Mail Service, 1946	1	14

Subseries 1.2: Cities and states history, 1950-1963

	Box	Folder
Illinois information, 1950-1954	2	1
Illinois, 1946-1962 correspondence	2	2
Rock Island Co., Illinois, information, circa 1951	2	3
Chicago-Detroit Road, information, circa 1963	2	4
Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana, circa 1950-1963	2	5
Southern Indiana, circa 1963	2	6
Peoria, Bloomington, Chicago, Illinois information, circa 1950-1963	2	7

Subseries 1.3: Illinois history, 1950-1971

Cincinnati-Detroit route, circa 1950-1963	2	8
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Subseries 1.3: Illinois history, 1950-1971

	Box	Folder
Illinois history, 1950-1963	3	1
Chicago, 1950-1963	3	2
Chicago-Galena Route, circa 1950	3	3
Chicago-Green Bay Indian Trail, circa 1950-1964	3	4
Chicago-Green Bay Route, circa 1950-1963	3	5
Chicago-Milwaukee route & Racine, 1958 information	3	6
Chicago Stage Lines, circa 1950-1963	3	7
Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, 1954-1955 information	3	8
Kellogg and Lewiston Trails, Illinois, circa 1950-1963	3	9
Lead Region, Illinois, circa 1950-1963	3	10
Lead Mine and Blackhawk Country, Illinois, circa 1950-1963	3	11

Subseries 1.4: Mail and stage routes history, circa 1957-1962

Northern Illinois mail routes, 1971 information	3	12
Peoria, Illinois, stage routes, circa 1950-1963	3	13
Rock Island County, Illinois, circa 1950-1963	3	14
Waukegan, Lake Co., Illinois, 1959 information	3	15
Subseries 1.4: Mail and stage routes history, circa 1957-1962		
	Box	Folder
Illinois counties, circa 1961	4	1
Illinois routes, circa 1961	4	2
Iowa mail and stage routes, circa 1961	4	3
Kentucky and Tennessee mail and stage routes, 1960	4	4
Michigan mail and stage routes, circa 1959	4	5
Minnesota mail and stage routes, circa 1957-1962	4	6
New England mail and stage routes, circa 1957	4	7
New York mail and stage routes, circa 1957-1962	4	8

Subseries 1.5: Maps, people, and book chapters, circa 1939-1972

Ohio mail and stage routes, circa 1962	4	9
Ohio & Pennsylvania mail and stage routes, circa 1962	4	10
Wisconsin mail and stage routes, circa 1958	4	11
Subseries 1.5: Maps, people, and book chapters, circa 1939-1972		
	Box	Folder
Maps of Mail and Stage Routes, circa 1972	5	1
First draft of his book, circa 1959	5	2
Chapter 1: Chicago-Galena, Northern Route, circa 1972	5	3
Draft of Chapter 1: Chicago-Galena Northern Route, circa 1972	5	4
Colonial Post Office, circa 1972	5	5
Mail reaches Ft. Armstrong on Rock Island, circa 1972	5	6
Assorted notes, circa 1972	5	7
William Beckman and Eads Family, circa 1950	5	8
McChesney and McElvaine, circa 1959	5	9

Subseries 1.6: Research notes, circa 1970s (35 total)

S. Alexader Nelm, Salem, Illinois, circa 1959	5	10
Waugh Family, circa 1939-1940	5	11
John D. Winters, circa 1961	5	12
Wild Bill Hickock, circa 1972	5	13
Photographs, circa 1972	5	14
Subseries 1.6: Research notes, circa 1970s (35 total)		Box 6
Series 2: Stage Coach advertising notes and photostats, circa 1940-1970s		Oversize OBC002